

CONSERVATION GRANTS AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE

Appropriation Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460 1-4 through 11), including administrative expenses, \$200,000,000, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, to remain available until expended, of which \$50,000,000 shall be for competitive planning grants to States and Indian tribes for developing open space preservation plans that address land use choices related to the impact of urban sprawl on open space, wildlife habitat, clean water, and recreational opportunities; and of which \$150,000,000 shall be for competitive grants to States, Indian tribes, and local governments for acquisition of lands and interests in lands for open space, wildlife habitat, greenways, coastal wetlands, urban parks, and outdoor recreation.

Justification of Proposed Language Changes

The entire language is new appropriation language proposed for the purposes stated in the language, as part of the President's Lands Legacy Initiative. Funding would come from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Appropriation Language Citations

1. For expenses necessary to carry out the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460 1-4 through 11),

16 U.S.C. 460 1-4 through 11

16 U.S.C. 460 1-4 through 11 contains the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended, including authorization for appropriations to carry out the provisions of the act.

2. including administrative expenses,

16 U.S.C. 460 1-4 through 11

16 U.S.C. 460 1-4 through 11 is considered to provide implied authority to appropriate funds for administrative expenses to carry out the purposes of the act. This implied authority is recognized by Congress in appropriation language and appropriation committee reports designating specific amounts for administrative expenses.

3. \$_____, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund,

16 U.S.C. 460 1-5 and 6

16 U.S.C. 460 1-5 and 6 establishes the Land and Water Conservation Fund, provides for \$900,000,000 annual revenues to the fund through fiscal year 2015, and authorizes appropriations from the fund.

4. to remain available until expended,

16 U.S.C. 460 1-6

16 U.S.C. 460 1-6 states that appropriations from the Land and Water Conservation Fund "may be made without fiscal year limitation."

5. of which \$50,000,000 shall be for competitive planning grants to States and Indian tribes for developing open

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space preservation plans that address land use choices related to the impact of urban sprawl on open space, wildlife habitat, clean water, and recreational opportunities; and of which \$150,000,000 shall be for competitive grants to States, Indian tribes, and local governments for acquisition of lands and interests in lands for open space, wildlife habitat, greenways, coastal wetlands, urban parks, and outdoor recreation.

16 U.S.C. 460 1-4 through 11

16 U.S.C. 460 1-4 through 11 contains the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended, including authorization for appropriations for a grant program.